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US 1,332,626 discloses a self-locking washer. The reference is cited under Category X, and is relevant to International claims 1 -7.

DE 101 09 914 A discloses a plain washer to bridge spacing for stressed connections. The plain washer can be fitted to connecting pins or bolts to bridge the spacing for stressed connections. The reference is cited under Category X, and is relevant to International claims 1-7. A translation of this reference is presently unavailable to Application. However, Applicant is enclosing an English language abstract.

Consideration of the references is respectfully requested.

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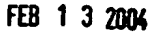
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